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The Honorable Eric Holder
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IN RE: U.S. v. Rabshkin, Civil Action No. 2:08-CR-1324 LLR

Dear Attorney General Holder:

Today I write to you to ask that you review the case surrounding Sholom Rubaskin, who was found guilty of bank fraud over one year ago. Although I have not had the opportunity to review the entirety of the case, as a former U.S. Attorney and a Member of the House Judiciary Committee, the facts that have been brought to my attention have raised some serious questions.

As you may know, Sholom Rubaskin was arrested in DOJ raid on the Agriprocessors, Inc., a kosher meat packing plant, in Iowa in May of 2008. The immigration charges on which he was initially arrested were dropped; however he was eventually tried and convicted on bank fraud and various other white collar crimes. Mr. Rubaskin was sentenced to 27 years in prison—a sentence even longer than the prosecution had requested.

Also brought to my attention, were allegations of misconduct on behalf of Chief Judge Linda Reade and the DOJ. It is my understanding that there was an alleged *ex parte* communications between Judge Reade and members of the DOJ and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). According to the information that was brought to my attention, the details of these communications were not available to Mr. Rubaskin's defense counsel during his trial, and his appellate counsel was only able to obtain redacted documents through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Like you, I am committed to seeing that justice is fairly served for all in the court system. Therefore, I respectfully request that you review the case of Mr. Rubaskin. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom".

Tom Marino
Member of Congress